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Boston, May 26, 1870.

Hon. Charles Sumner.

My Dear Friend — An old acquaint-
ance and a fellow-townsman, (for both of us were
born in Newburyport,) William Williams, Esq.,
informs me that, in writing to you, some days
since, to secure a favorable word from you
to Governor Harriman, at the head of the Naval
Department in this city, with respect to his ap-
pointment to a clerkship in said department,
he took the liberty to give my name among
other references, I being absent from home
at the time. He did perfectly right. You
may place the utmost reliance in me as to
his gentlemanly qualities, his integrity of
character, his valuable experience, and his
admirable adaptation to the place he is
hoping to obtain. For many years connected
with the Custom House, under different Col-
lectors, I believe he has never failed to give

complete satisfaction, and has shown himself to be an expert in whatever he has undertaken. He is an uncommonly good penman, and also a first-rate accountant and book-keeper. He is a man of method and the incarnation of order; and it is simply impossible for him to do anything slightingly, or to leave undone (in a procrastinating way) what ought to be promptly attended to. He is, withal, so amiable and courteous, so intelligent and cultivated, and so abreast with the foremost movements of the age in spirit, particularly as pertaining to mental freedom and progress generally, that it is always a pleasure to meet him. He is not to be put into the category of a mere office-seeker, but simply seeks an employment for which he is specially fitted, and as a faithful servant of the government.

If I stood in Gov. Harriman's place, I should lose no time in giving him a clerkship, and should deem myself fortunate in

securing his services.

It is possible that, ere this reaches you, you may have answered Mr. W.'s letter. If not, I send you my testimony to be acted upon, with that of others, as you shall deem best. It is seldom I give a recommendation with such confidence and pleasure; and if you think proper, you can transmit it to Gov. Harriman.

Yours, for "the right man in the right place,"

Wm Lloyd Garrison.

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